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SPECIAL WAR NOTES

THE ESSENTIAL CHARACTERISTICS OF A FIRST CLASS SOLDIER.

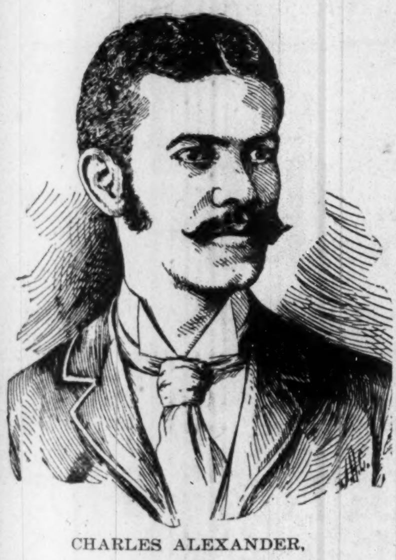
THE NEGRO IN THE RANKS.

Tradition and History—The Death Roll of an Unbending and Incessant Struggle—Wars of the Last Century Great and Necessary Evils.

NOTE:—The series of articles furnished under the head; "Special War Notes," of which the following is the fourth were written especially for The Freeman, and will contain brief sketches of the black heroes who took such a conspicuous part in the campaign of 1898.

In war it takes more than the combination of gun, a man, and a uniform to make a soldier. The essential elements of a first-class soldier are pluck, energy, and a cool calculating disregard for danger. However much we may deplore the necessity of these elements in the human character, we cannot help admiring the genuine soldier who exhibits them in his life. The Negro has clearly proved that he possessed these elements in a high degree, and in the late Spanish-American war the proof was abundant, and hence all the civilized world agree that the Negro makes a first-class soldier.

War is an awful thing. It is expensive both in money, mental and moral energy, and in the loss of life. The appalling tribute paid to the spirit of Mars by the sacrifice of life and treasure is something serious to contemplate. But it appears that the races of men inhabiting the earth have not reached that point in their upward and onward progress toward an ideal state of civilization where they can settle upon a better plan to adjust their difficulties than by the use of arms. It appears that man is a fighting animal. His pugnacity sticks out from every pore of his skin, and he is fighting from the time he enters the world until the end of his career.

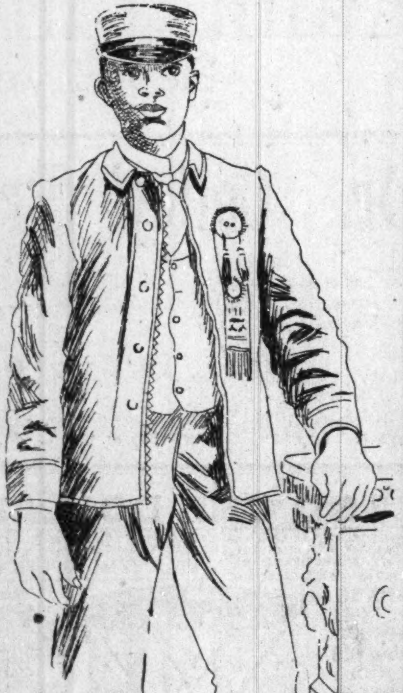

CHARLES ALEXANDER.

Tradition and history consist almost entirely of war, devastations and repine; for as far back as we can peer into the gloomy mists of the past we find that men have been killing each other, and the man who succeeded in killing the greater number won the most fame and glory. The death roll of this unending and incessant struggle confounds the reason and overpowers the imagination by its immensity. Commencing with the Trojan war, the first chapter of the European and Asiatic history, it is estimated that war claimed as its need 40,000,000 human beings every century. The estimated waste of human life in Europe alone averages between 18,000,000 and 20,000,000 souls a century. Three thousand years may have elapsed since the battle raged around the walls of Troy, and in that time probably the almost inconceivable number of 1,200,000,000 men perished in order to enforce sundry systems of politics, to decide the ownership of some few square miles of land, or to avenge the wounded pride of a ruler.

In the wars of the last century no less than 20,000,000 men were killed. The European wars of the last half of the present century slew 2,500,000 men at a cost of $6,850,000,000. It was seriously expected that after the great exhibition of 1851, that when men had been once prevailed upon to meet together in friendly and peaceful rivalry, they would no longer draw the sword against each other. But the exhibition, instead of marking the beginning of the reign of peace, may more truly be said to have marked its close. The Crimean war broke out ere the exhibition had ceased to be talked about, and the Indian mutiny quickly followed. Then came the Chinese war, the Franco-Italian, the American Civil, the Austro-Prussian, the Franco-German, the Russo-Turkish wars, together with innumerable minor campaigns, little in comparison, but great in slaughter of life and loss of treasure. Since 1850 no less than 3,000,000 men have perished in war. The American civil war stands foremost, not only by reason of brother fighting brother, but by the slaughter of 800,000 men. The war cost the states $3,700,000,000 a sum sufficient to have purchased the freedom of all the slaves. Added to these losses must be the sorrow of bereaved relatives. Great as was the victory of freedom the war achieved, it cannot be gainsaid that the cost was terrible.

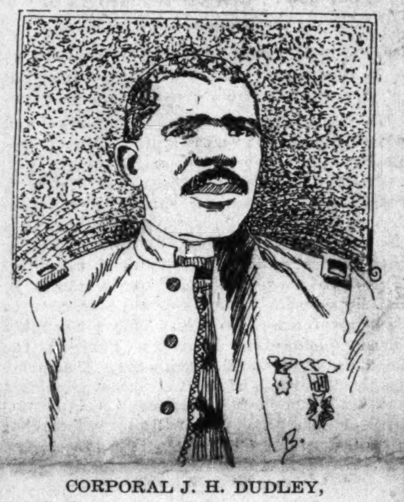
The Crimean war cost Great Briton 70,000,000 pounds sterling while Russia and France spent 230,000,000 pounds sterling, to say nothing of the 500,000 slain. The Franco-German war cost France, not taking into account the war indemnity to Germany, and the loss of Alsace-Lorraine, 170,000,000 pounds for the seven months' war. Russia's victory over Turkey in 1877-'78 cost her 190,000,000 pounds. In the last three hundred years Russia has spent 335,000,000 pounds, and lost 700,000 lives in war. The struggle with China cost Japan 211,000,000 men.

But the only effect that the slaughter of life and the cost of war in the past has had upon states has been to make them increase their armies and spend still more in preparing for war. In Europe to-day there are 4,250,000 men studying and preparing for war, while an additional 12,000,000 men would be called out on the declaration of war, with a reserve force of 18,000,000 more men to fall back upon. Increditable though it may seem, in the event of a universal call to arms, 40,000,000 men would be placed on the field.


J. R. ANDERSON,
Co. H. 24th Infantry who did good work on the firing line on San Juan Hill.

The great powers of Europe alone spent $200,000,000 a year maintaining their fighting forces. The national debts of Europe amounting to over 5,000,000,000 pounds sterling, have been contracted almost alone to defray the cost of war; and England is not extravagant compared with the other powers in military matters, but one-third of the national revenue is spent in preparing for war.

Never before in the history of civilization were there more men under arms, and never was there a more general and genuine shrinking from the idea of war. So multiplied and matured have become the means of destruction, so great are the risks that will be involved and so unmanageable are the operations which the vastness of the armies, now swollen beyond all magnitude, will impose upon their generals that sovereigns and statesmen responsible for war may well hesitate before bringing about an explosion. No true statesman wishes for war, yet all are increasing their preparations for a conflict. And probably the best guarantee for peace is the preparation for war. But the present state of things cannot last forever.


CORPORAL J. H. DUDLEY,
25th Infantry, one of the non-commissioned officers who was foremost in the San Juan Hill charge.

Those who are familiar with the situation know that all Europe is groaning under the burden of taxation and extortions of military service. France, Italy and Austria are nearly bankrupt from the cost of their armaments, and poor Spain, humiliated beyond any condition ever thought of by her proud people, is entirely robbed of every means of maintaining her honor and dignity in the arena of national life, should she be insulted. Arbitration is as far off and Utopian as ever, and ever when an international court of arbitration has been constituted it will always be open for one of the parties to question the award and appeal to the sword.

War is a great, but it may be, a necessary evil. To liberate the Soudan from the cruel, bloody rule of the Mahdi is only possible by means of the bayonet; as was the liberation of the Cubans from the greed of Spain.

The whole world is a state of armed peace, and things must be worse before they can be better. Until all nations agree to abandon their armies and navies the present state of things must continue. And that time when nations shall no longer lift up sword against nation, when the lion shall lie down with the lamb, will only be ushered in, it has been predicted, by a universal war, with desolation and carnage, the like of which the world has never seen.

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Huntsville, Alabama.

News Notes.

New Albany, Ind., Special.

Chas. Childress, who has been confined several weeks from injuries sustained by a dinkey engine, is able to be out on crutches. One of the swellest weddings of the season was that of Rev. Patten and Miss Delia Lewis. Both are well known society people of this city. Ceremony was performed by Rev. Lewis, of Louisville, at Howard's Chapel, March 1. Martin Findlev continues to improve. He has a slight case of small-pox. Charles, aged three weeks has contracted the disease. A club social was held at the home of Mrs. Blackburn on W. First st. Saturday night, March 13, for the benefit of Bethel A. M. E. church. James Beel residing in the east end has been busy the past week receiving congratulations from friends, his wife giving birth to triplets, all of which are well developed and apparently healthy Geo. Washington, an old resident of this city is confined to his home on W. Fourth st. with LaGrippe. Mr. Chas. Sparks and Miss Anna Holt were married Monday night. The concert and stereoptican entertainment given at the three churches of the city by Prof. Willis proved satisfactory to its many patrons. The twentieth Century Headliners with Mr. G. Elmore Whyte at the helm made their first appearance to an audience of this city at Bethel church Monday night, March 13th. Mr. Chas. Carter of this city has returned from Tampa where he has been enlisted in the service for Uncle Sam. He was given an honorable discharge. The choir in charge of Mr. Sam'l. Ratliffe for Howard's Chapel is progressing rapidly. Mr. Ratliffe wields an effective baton. The pastors of the various African Methodist churches in Louisville, New Albany and Jeffersonville met at Quinn Chapel last week and perfected a union for the purpose of editing a paper for the interests of Methodism.

Personal Mention.

Pine Bluff, Ark., Special.

Mr. Joe Bearden is seriously ill. After a short illness, Mr. Jim Ellis passed away. He leaves a wife. He was a K. of H. One of the largest audiences ever seen on such an occasion was at Barraque st. Baptist Church, to witness the marriage of Mr. Al Green and Miss Leona W. Cooper. From the church the wedding party adjourned to Jones Hall and a pleasant time was had. With the following efficient men at its head, the Southern Mercantile company was incorporated, Oct. 1, 1898. Capital $5000. Ferd Harris, Pres.; Wiley Jones, vice Pres.; M. R. Perry, Sec'y. and Treas. They are men of high standing with the citizens of this city and state. From the mammoth stock of dry goods, shoes, and groceries, polite clerks will sell you what you need at reasonable prices. Meningitis and LaGrippe are getting in their work throughout this entire county.

News Items.

Shelbyville, Ind., Special

John Doods' baby is sick with lung fever. Mr. Geo. Grissom will go to Muncie on the 18th. Rev. L. W. Gray M. D. and Rev. T. P. Morton, of Indianapolis, exchanged pulpits on last Sunday. Rev. Morton has beeh here preaching for the last six days. Wiley Chapel held its quarterly meeting on last Sunday. Dr. Gillam the Presiding Elder was here with them. Mrs. Hannah Grissom is improving from her sickness. On last Friday Mr. Joseph Robinson, Samuel Robinson and Leonard Johnson went to New York with a car load of poultry. On last Monday night a number of Mrs. L. W. Gray's friends gave her a surprise party. The S. M. T.'s will give a grand festival at their hall on next Saturday night. The following named persons were ordained as deacons at the Second Baptist church on last Wednesday night week: John Hines, Street Hodge, James Harper and Stokes Motley. A grand reception was given after the ordination. Those that took part in it from out of town were Rev. T. P. Morton, of Indianapolis, Rev. C. A. Young of Connersville, and one of his deacons.

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Springfield, O., Special.

Quarterly meeting was held at North st. A. M. E. church. Presiding Elder Rev. Dickerson filled the pulpit Sunday evening. Collection for the dav $30. Communion services were held at Allen Chapel Sunday afternoon. A literary program will be rendered at North st. A. M. E. Church next Sunday evening. Miss Selina Gains, of Xenia, O., spent Sunday in the city the guest of Miss Joe Jackson, of North Light st. Special services will be held at Centre st. M. E. church, the occassion being the last Sunday of Rev. Talbott's stay in the city. "The Palm Leaf Club" gave a social function at the home of Mr. Harry Beard last Wednesday evening, which was much enjoyed by all present, numbering 75 guests. The Arcade Hotel boys will give one of their social banquets at City Hall March, 27. The ladies branch of the "Loyal Legion of Labor," will entertain at the home of Mrs. Henry Linden of Euclid Avenue. Will Berkshire is off duty on account of rheumatism. Miss Talbott is visiting her parents in the city.

A Candidate for Judge.

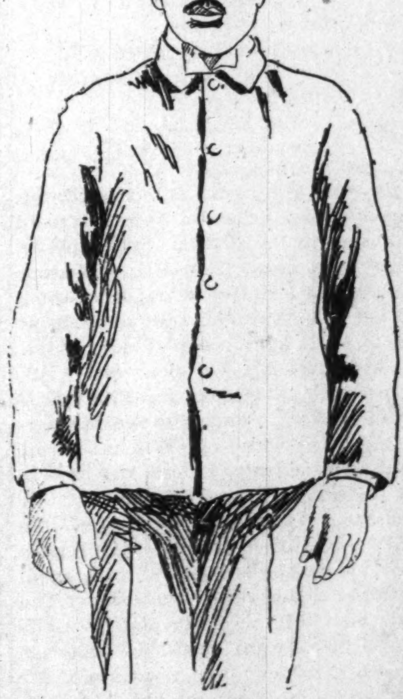
Youngstown, O., Special.

Mr. Day our agent will remove to 27 Phelps street about April 1st. Papers can now be had at 209 West Federal street. Simon Page visited Pittsburg last week. The Dewey Club will give a grand masquerade party at Bailey's Hall. Prof. Gilmore's orchestra will furnish the music. The Hon. W. R. Stewart is candidate for probate judge. He is an Afro-American and should receive the support of his people. The Rose Bud Club of the A. M. E. church gave a chicken supper Thursday evening. Miss Burrel Collins of Lowellville is visiting Miss Ada Holmes. The Rev. Dandridge of Richmond, Va., will speak at the A. M. E. church in behalf of the Old Folks Home March 20th.

Forum Club Election.

St. Louis, Mo., Special.

The Forum Club composed of about 500 business and professional colored men held its annual meeting at the club's rooms, on Chestnut street, near Jefferson avenue. The financial secretary's report showed the organization to be in an excellent financial condition. Within the last year the club has had a large increase in it membership. It has added a new buffet and is contemplating an enlargement of its present quarters. Seven officers of the 7th Regiment, United States Volunteer Infantry, were taken from its membership. The election resulted:—Walter M. Farmer, president; R. A. Hudlin, first vice president, C. K. Robinson, second vice president; Charles Pittman, secretary; N. H. Wright, assistant secretary; George E. Temple, financial secretary: H. H. Jones, treasurer; D. E. Gordon, race commissioner; R. H. Cole, chaplain; Ben J. Owen, sergeant-at-arms. The following were elected members of the board of directors: Alex Parquette, Hutchings Page, T. A. Curtis, A. W Lloyd, chas. Turner, C. H. Brown, Walter Price, Aaron Franklin, William Cross and A. S. Haskell.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KNIGHTS OF TABOR.

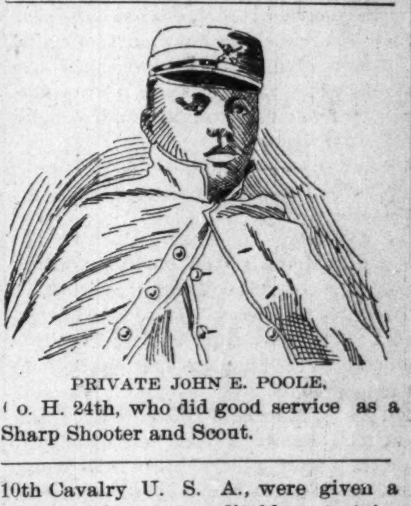
CEREMONIAL TEMPLE NO. 1—ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

THE GALLANT BOYS OF THE TENTH

Banquetted—Mid "Cheers for the Living and Tears for the Dead"—Sweet Strains of Music Cheer Them on—Notes of General Interest—Church Items.

Paducah, Ky., Special.

Ceremonial Temple, No. 1, Knights of Tabor, held their annual election of officers for the ensuing year:—Sir G. T. Marshall, C. M.; Sir Tom Louis, V. M.; Sir Aloin Logan, C. S.; Sir W. M. Ross, A. S.; Chas. Turner, C. F.; Joe Chapple. C. O.; W. M. Nolen, C. D. M.; Geo. Lyon, C. S. B.; Ed. Overby, Geo. Woods and Jeff Walker, C. G's. W. M. Christy, C. S. Miss Carry Hodges and Miss Mary Anderson of Pine Bluff, arrived on the 4th to enter school. Elic Steven arrived on the 5, from New Concord after a six day visit to friends. It has been requested of Rev. Samples of the C. M. E. church, by a committee of irreligious gentlemen of the city to preach a sermon and take for his text "The falling of the city of Babolyn. The kind minister accepted and on Sunday night April 2, he invites the public out to his church on Husband street to hear the above sermon, and a large crowd is expected. On Thursday evening the 9th, under the management of Messrs G. E. Marshall and Alonzo Ashford, the soldier boys of the gallant 10th Cavalry U. S. A., were given a grand and most creditable entertainment. A procession was formed at Mr. Marshall's barber shop on Court street accompanied by the "Big 4" brass band, and exhibition drill given through the principal streets of the city, over the heads of the boys in blue waved the Star spangled Banner, carried by Harvey Smith. Sweet strains of music echoed through the city while amid cheers Commander Chevey gave loudly his command. They carried swords and drilled nicely. At night a grand entertainment took place at the Odd Fellows Hall and standing room could not be had and scores of people were turned away. Prof. John Hillman's orchestra was on hand and rendered sweet music for the dancing people. The whole affair was a creditable one indeed. C. W. Merriweather read a paper before the Y. P. S. of C. E., Sunday afternoon at the Washington street church on "The Devinely Genius." The revival at Burk's Chaple is meeting with success.


PRIVATE JOHN E. POOLE,
Co. H. 24th, who did good service as a Sharp Shooter and Scout.

Gleanings.

Union City, Tenn., Special.

Our friend J. E Thomas left on the 4. for Evansville, Ind. Spring is drawing on us and the word Freeman is begining to be the cry. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Wells have sold out and moved to Hot Springs, Ark., where they will reside in the future. Solomon Buckley who has been contracting in Dyersburg, is with us again. Mrs. Lexie McDavis Mrs. Ellen Craving and Mrs. Rose Lee are on the sick list. On Monday evening March 5, at the A. M. E. church the Rev. J. M. Holt, organized the Young Peoples Society of Christian Endeavor. Just the thing needed. Now is the time to read The Freeman.

RACE GLEANINGS

The Negro race embraces about one tenth of the world's population—450,000 000 persons.

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Miss Lida Pate passed the Civil Service examination at Adrian, Mich., and stands second on the eligible list.

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The bill appropriating 25,000 acres of public land in Ala., to Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute has passed Congress, These lands when sold or leased are likely to net the school $150,000. A large portion will be valuable mineral land.

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By the figures of the last census the colored vote of the country—that is the males above the age of 21 years—numbered 1,740,455. Of these the following States had the the largest populations: Georgia, 179,028 voters; Mississippi, 150,169; Alabama, 140,763; South Carolina, 132,949, and Louisiana 119,815.

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Col. James Lewis of New Orleans one of the old guards and one of the most prominent colored men in Louisiana has been appointed surveyor General of that state by President McKinley. Col. Lewis has always made a splendid record in public office and he will doubtless be efficient and popular in this position.

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Isaac Gillam, Jr., son of Isaac Gillam one of the oldest and best known colored citizens of Little Rock, has the distinction of being the only colored student in Yale College. He went to Washington, D. C., several years ago and graduated from Howard University as valedictorian of his class last summer. Soon after he secured the Yale scholarship and is the only colored boy there. He is about 20 years old.

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Vicksburg is the headquarters of some of the largest colored cotton planters in the United States. There are about a half dozen including B. F. Lacy, of Shiloh, Alex Mason, of Magna Vista, Brown Rutledge, of Floweree, R. H. Woods and Freeman Wallace, of Valley Park, and Dorsey J. Foreman, of Cary, Miss., all being within a radius of fifty miles from this city that raise from three hundred and fifty to five hundred bales on lands belonging to themselves for the most part. They are first-class business men whose words are as good as their bonds in all the busy marts of trade.

A large number of colored men are employed as managers on plantations raising from five to eight hundred bales of cotton a year.

Current Happenings.

Tuskegee, Ala., Special.

Mr. Walter H. Page, editor of the Atlantic Monthly, the leading monthly magazine of this county, is a guest of Tuskegee this week. Mr. Page delivered a very interesting and appreciative address to the students and teachers in the chapel, Sunday evening, March 5. Dr. David Macrae of Glasgow, Scotland, the well known author and socialogist was a visitor at Tuskegee last week. Dr. Macrae also addressed the students. Prof. H. T. Kealing, the energetic editor of the A. M. E. Church Review has been a welcomed visitor to Tuskegee for a few days during last week. We are always glad to welcome Mr. Kealing to Tuskegee. A bill has just passed Congress giving the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute at Tuskegee, Ala., 25,000 acres of public land in Alabama. This is by far the largest gift from any source, this institution has received. These lands, when sold or leased, are likely to net the school, at least $150,000, as a large portion, if not all will be valuable mineral land.

Items of Interest.

Cleveland, O., Special.

The race loving colored people of this city are proud to know that a colored man has opened up a news depot, cigar stand shining parlor, equal to anything of its kind in the city. It is well situated, 387 Superior street, and presents an appearance which will no doubt attract the attention of all who pass by. S. H. Moody, ex-head waiter of Horton's restaurant is the proprietor and he has 3 or 4 colored men working in his shining parlors. Hereafter The Freeman can be found every Saturday at this elegant news depot and at 452 Erie, as usual. Albert King has left the hospital and gone to visit his mother who resides near Toledo, O. Alonzo Shaw, The Freeman's hustling agent was indisposed last week, suffering from La Grippe, hence the non appearance of Cleveland news last Saturday. However, until further notice The Freeman's agent will endeavor to solicit, more readers, more subscribers and publish a budget of interesting notes every week. Leave notes subscriptions and matter for the Freeman at 452 Erie st., or at 38 Superior st. Miss Ardella Mitchell paid a flying visit to Pittsburg, Pa., and back. Wm. Lucas, ex-member of Washburn's Minstrels is in this city, winning all cake walking contests and giving instructions among the white enthusiasts. Last Saturday morning a man who had obtained permission from Director of Police, Abbott to exhibit a collection of pictures which he assured the director were not in the least immoral, was charging a small fee to unweary strollers for a peep at pictures that represented the lynching of a colored man at Tyler, Tex. A phonograph reproduced the alleged groans and prayers of the victim as he was being burned at the stake and the reports of revolver and gun shots as they were being fired into his body. A number of colored citizens reported the matter to Director Abbott. Later in the day the nuisance was suppressed. The man in charge of the show is alleged to have given exhibitions in other cities in all of which his performances were stopped. He is said to have exhibited the embalmed corpse of a colored man as the body of the Tyler, Tex. victim. Chas. Stewart the ex-policeman gave quite a reception at his residence last Monday evening. He intends giving a party for children on the 19th inst. in honor of his little daughter's birthday. Mr. T. Lacy, of 359 Ceneral is visiting in Detroit, Mich. Dr. Carl M. Williams the evangelist is assisting Rev. Moore in the revival meetings at the Antioch Baptist Church. Dr. Williams is an eloquent speaker and should be heard by all young people as well as by the old. The Union Mission in the east end is doing revival work not to be sneesed at. The U. M. is a branch of St. John's A. M. E. and Rev. Bundy is conducting services at both places. Buy and read the Freeman.

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A. M. McGee,
King Fish, O. T.

Editor The Freeman.

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I remain sincerely yours,
DR. J. P. GOLDEN,
Georgetown, S. C.

Personal Mention.

Sherman, Tex., Special.

Any one wishing to subscribe for the Freeman one of the best Negro journals published in the United States, please notify the agent James L. Johnson. Mrs. Malissa Holley is reported some better. The Epworth League meets at the C. M. E. church every Friday night. All are invited to attend. Mr. W. B. Southern who is teaching at Pilot Point, was in the city Sunday to see his parents. The wife of William Scott died very suddenly, funeral was preached at Harmony Baptist church by Rev. Tillman. After the ceremonies the body was interred at the West Hill cemetery. The deceased leaves three small children who have the sympathy of The Freeman. Mr. Ed. Potts and Miss Virgie Williams were united in marriage March 1, 1899 at the residence of Mr and Mrs. John King by Rev. S. A. Tillman. After the couple were united in marriage the couple to the opera. The the happy couple The Freeman extends congratulations and wishes them a happy voyage through life. Subscribe for The Freeman from James L. Johnson because it contains the latest news. Rev. Lacey, presiding elder of the M. E. church gave a lecture on the race problem at the above named church a large crowd was present.

General News--Death.

Bardstown, Ky., Special.

Prayer meeting was opened Wednesday night at 7:30 p. m. The meeting was conducted by Brother Lewis Hynes one of the oldest members of the First Church. There were some very interesting topics discussed by the officers. A large number was present and the meetings are full of enthusiasm. Mr. Martin Hayes, one of Bardstown's best colored citizens, died Monday at 5 a. m., Feb. 22. His funeral was from the A. M. E. Zion church by Rev. W. T. Hayes, pastor, assisted by Rev. Charles D. Douglass, pastor of the First Baptist church. Rev. Hayes announced as his text: "The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death."—I. Cor. xv. 26. The discourse was serious and instructive. Mr. Hayes was buried by the Masonic Lodge. Rev. Charles D. Douglass spoke of his relation to the Masonicorder in high terms. The church was crowded with the best citizens of the town. Mr. Hayes was a trustee of the public school; he was a man of high character and has a nice family. He leaves a wife and five children and many relatives to moun his loss. His age was 44 years 8 months and 20 days. Mr. Robert Hagen and Miss Maggie M. Lee were united in matrimony Thursday, Feb. 23 at 8 o'clock p. m., at the residence of the bride by Rev. W. T. Hayes. The couple received many handsome presents. Rev. Hayes also attended the funeral of Matthew May's little daughter 5 years of age at 10 o'clock a. m., Thursday, Feb. 23.

Mr. Geo. L. Knox,

Dear Sir:—I have read your paper for about twelve months, and will say I think it the best colored news paper, for the Negro race, that ever entered a Negro fireside. I don't want to miss a copy of it. So you will find enclosed the sum of one dolar for which you will please send me The Freeman.

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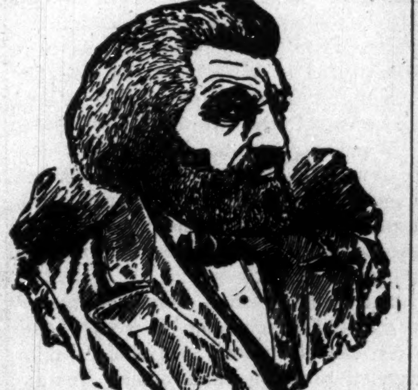

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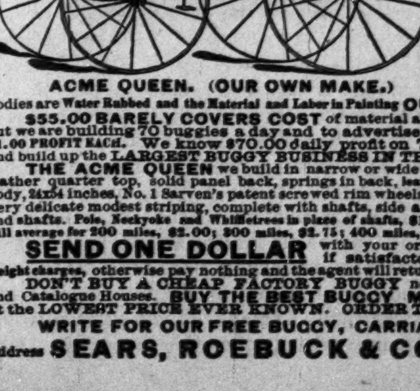

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Terrific Six-Round Glove Contest Between Colored Heavyweights.

Cincinnati, O., March, 5th.—Before the Stag Athletic Club last night Frank Childs, of Chicago, defeated Bob Armstrong, of New York, in the sixth round for the colored heavyweight championship of the world. The fight was limited to ten rounds. In the sixth Childs knocked his opponent across the ring with a right, which practically put him out. Armstrong's seconds threw up the sponge.

The men fought for a division of the receipts which reached into the thousands owing to the high prices charged. Armstrong's seconds were Tom Sharkey and Tom O'Rourke. Childs was looked after by Harry Connelly, Sam Summerfield and George Washington. Johnny Murphy, of Cincinnati, was referee. Armstrong opened with left leads, which were invariably blocked with Childs' right. In the second round Armstrong was the aggressor, but a hard right on the jaw staggard him. Childs rushed and received a right uppercut on the face. At close quarters Armstrong had the advantage. Childs rushed matters in the third, and in a mixup he floored Armstrong with a right swing on the jaw. Armstrong took nine seconds. Upon arising he managed to keep clear of his opponent who forced him around the ring, vainly trying to land a knockout.

In the fourth Childs was staggered by a right on the head, but in the fifth he rushed and landed right and left repeatedly, driving Armstrong around the rig. Armstrong replied with right and left leads. A hard right on the jaw staggard Armstrong and Childs followed it up, landing right and left, which made Armstrong very groggy. In the sixth Childs rushed and landed a hard right swing on the jaw which sent Armstrong clear across the ring. As he rebounded from the ropes Childs landed his right again on the jaw, sending Armstrong reeling about the ring with his arms hanging at his side. Childs was about to give the finishing punch when O'Rourke, realizing that his man was helpless threw up the sponge, and the decision of the colored heavy-weight championship was awarded to Childs.

Oscar Gardner secured the decision over Joe Hopkins, colored, of Rochester, N. Y., in a ten round bout at Cincinnati, O., Monday night, Feb., 27th, for a purse of $500.

Walter Edgerton, colored the "Kentucky Rosebud" had no trouble in outputting Harry Smith, also colored, of Chester, Pa., in the six-round wind-up on Saturday night, March 4th, at the Nonpariel Club Philadelphia. The "Rosebud" gamboled around like a young man side stepping, evading and punching Smith almost at will, while Smith found it a difficult matter to land on the "Rosebud." On the same evening Howard Wilson, colored, of Washington, D. C., put one Billy Farren out at the start of the second round with a hard right hand punch on the jaw. Wilson had the best of the first round, and it looked like a hard battle, when Farren was struck and fell dazed to the floor.

WATTS—PURTELL FIGHT A DRAW.

Jim Watts, the colored middle-weight and Paddy Purtell, fought a ten-round draw before the Empire theatre, of Indianapolis, Ind., on Monday night March 6th.

Willie Wenzell, who was in his day one of Philadelphia's best ameteurs, paid his respects to Major Taylor during the Cycle show which ended in Philadelphia, Feb. 25th.

Wenzell and the genial colored champion are fast friends, and both swear by the L. A. W. It was interesting to hear the pair in conversation over the racing situation. They both seem to think that the riders who left the L. A. W. fold will be only to glad to return in a short while. Taylor says he would not join the "outlaws" being satisfied with the manner in which the sport has been managed by the League.

Taylor has won many admirers in the city through his appearance at the show. He made visits to the stand of M. J. Costa pleasant, with his stories of how he began racing and his record-breaking feats. He says he will ride a chainless wheel in his future races having found it superior to the chain article.

DOBBS' EASY VICTORY.

London, March 1.—In a twenty-round contest a Gateshead this evening Bobby Dobbs, the Philadelphia colored boxer defeated Pat MacDonald in the second round.

The two men had met previously at Glasgow, on February 22nd, but the police interfered and arrested both combatants.

Dobbs was the favorite. In the first round the fighting was very hot, but in the second the Minneapolis boxer soon asserted his superiority and proved himself far too clever for his opponent. MacDonald who was badly punished, was knocked out just before the conclusion of the second round.

Dobbs intends to return to the United States immediately, where he will meet all comers.

Dick Hartnett, manager of Jim Crawford, colored middle-weight, has received an offer to match his protege before one of the local clubs of Philadelphia, against Abe Ullman of Baltimore. Hartnett has already accepted and at the latest account was waiting to hear from Ullman.

Says the Philadelphia Record: "There are any number of pugilistic cranks who are of the opinion that if Peter Maher and Joe Butler could be brought together in a fair and square up-and-up contest that the colored man would at least stand some sort of a show to win from the Irish champion, but the two are such good friends that it is almost an impossibility to match them, and consequently the question of which is the better man is likely to remain for all time in doubt. It is a certainty though that there are no two harder hitters in the ring to-day than these two."

A PURSE FOR WALCOTT AND WEST.

New York, March 7. (Special)—Joe Walcott and Tommy West have been offered a $1000 purse by the Stagg Athletic Club, of Cincinnati, to box a ten-round bout. West has accepted. As Walcott is anxious to box West again and try to regain the laurels which the latter wrested from him by defeating him over a year ago, the chances are that he will lose no time in accepting. The Nutmeg State Athletic Club, of Connecticut, has also offered the fighters the same incentive, and it certainly looks as if they will be matched.

FARRELL-MARSHALL FIGHT A DRAW.

Washington, March 2.—A good-sized crowd attended the twenty-round bout at the Spa Athletic Club last night between Jack Farrell, of Washington and Jerry Marshall, colored, of Baltimore, both featherweights. The contest was lively from start to finish and at the end of twenty rounds was declared a draw, but the decision was given to Farrell on points. The latter is said to have suffered the more and the decision was not entirely satisfactory.

DOBBS AND MCDONALD CONVICTED.

Glasgow, March, 3.—Bobby Dobbs the colored boxer of Minneapolis and Pat McDonald who were arrested while engaging in a boxing contest in this city on February 22 were to-day convicted on the charge of assault and were fined $25 each.

An effort is under way to have Frank Erne box Joe Gans, colored, of Baltimore, Md., in New York City within two months. Al Herford has already telegraphed to Erne to the effect that Gans would meet him and in reply says that he has received word that Erne had accepted. A local club is ready to give a purse of $5000 for the match.

DIXON NEARLY PENNILESS.

Cincinnati, March, 7.—Tom O'Rourke who has been responsible for George Dixon's success in the roped arena, made the following statement about his colored wonder here:—

"I fear that poor George will be a wreck inside a year," said O'Rourke. It is sure he will go to pieces before that time if he does not alter his style of living. Of all the money that Dixon has earned he has only about $800 left. The trouble with George is that he doesn't want to do anything but drink when he has money. He'll go and fight when he is broke but he has to be low in finances before he will quit his carousing. I have tried to make him quit by refusing him his money, but it is no use. He can get credit. He is as honest as the day is long. A lot of liquor dealers knowing this are willing to wait until he gets his money. I'm going to fool 'em this time. I will hold the money out on them. If George stays sober I'll take him to Europe the same time I take Sharkey and try and match him against Pedlar Palmer."

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Albert Ayres,
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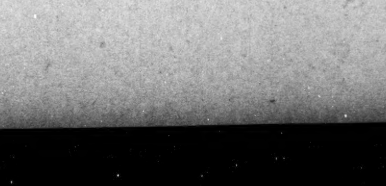

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Articles Appearing in a Northern Negro Paper.

Some time ago a Negro loaded down with recommendations from white people of the North and from the colored preachers of this city came to Macon, representing himself as one of the editors of The Freeman, a Negro paper published in Indianapolis, Ind.

He said that the object of this paper was to elevate the Negro along the line as suggested by Booker T. Washington, and he stated that his business in Macon was to secure subscribers. It is understood that he was very successful in subscriptions and that he secured a large number.

Since he left however, the policy of the paper seems to have greatly changed, the most ridiculous things imaginable have appeared in the sheet. The paper gives a vivid description of the assault upon the keeper of Crump's park, by the Negroes of the Sixth Virginia Regiment, when they cut down the lynching tree, and it praised the Negro very highly for their act.

Double leaded editorials calling on the Negroes to rise up and kill out the people of the South, and articles of the worst kind in regard to the South appear in the paper. In addition to other things and decidedly the most amusing ever seen in a newspaper are the advertisements directed to the Negroes about preparations that will make the the Negroes hair grow straight and for turning the skin white. The paper is literally filled with these advertisements, but it does not state whether any of them have been successful.

The white citizens of Macon who subscribed to the sheet are very much amused at the articles and advertisements appearing in it and the absurdity of them.

They are still letting the paper come on, as one of them stated this morning, it afforded much amusement.

The above from the Macon, Georgia, News, a daily paper of that city is a fair sample of the fairness the Negroes may expect in some sections of the country at the hands of white men.

The Freeman at no time has been guilty of trying to stir up strife between the races. It on the other hand has worked hard and earnestly to allay the feeling of antagonism, yet never unmindful of the barborous practices of some localities against the Negroes. It has never felt that attempted retaliation would be the medium of securing the the desired ends owing to the circumstances. It has rather insisted that time would be a silent yet the greatest force in wringing peace out of the racial confusion.

It has urged this as a policy and not as an apology. It has been endeavoring to bury the hatchet, bearing down on the race when its conduct provoked hostile sentiment in order that the opinion would not universally obtain that Negroes upheld Negroes regardless of the enormity of the offense, and to dispel the feeling that Negroes and crime are synonymous. In the face of these facts, it is surprised at this unwarranted outburst by a paper of such influence which to our notion should be using good offices on the same lines of endeavor as mapped out by The Freeman.

If the publisher of the Macon News has perused the colums of The Freeman, then to make such assertions he must stand accused of the premeditated misrepresentation of The Freeman for purposes known to himself and for purposes suspected by The Freeman.

We have had some faith in the fairness of the Southern Press, nor has this faith entirely forsaken us; yet this exhibition at maligning or inexcusable ignorance, which is possibly pardonable, in the latter case has in no wise strengthened this faith. It seems a studied policy to defeat the Negroes purpose of seeing the light.—a method through it all.

The article itself is written in a coarse jocular vein with the avowed purpose of belittlement. It is to be hoped that the light but venomed shafts may fall only in desert places.

As to the papers policy of furthering the efforts of Booker T. Washington's grand efforts in trying to settle the vexed question, The Freeman's representative did not misrepresent the motives of the paper. It is no particular disciple of Washington's but is an apostle of peace. Washington has the applause of The Freeman in his mighty work and the applause of thoughtful mankind, yet The Freeman holds that his work is an incident in racial salvation only.

As to the very funny advertisements the News strikes a proper chord if not a popular one. It is a sacrifice to the alter of the white man's superiority to thus stretch and distort nature to the accomodation—of a nascent feeling within the race itself. It is laughably absurd to hold that the race is peer to others when this terrific strife to appear like them is noted. But perhaps this this rather belongs to the mandates of fashion and fashion has her vataries.

However it is to be hoped that that promised peace which was to be the result of the Spanish—American War wherein the Negroes behaved so gallantly, bringing renown to American arms and liberty to the bondmen, should not be restored by those who hold the possibilities within their bounty.

Will the Macon News be fair enough to publish this rejoinder?

One of our subscribers says that he will continue taking the paper if we can leave the word Negro out of it. To quote a part of the letter, "Ser I have ben taking your paper for some time and hit is a nuisey paper, they is one thing wrong with hit that word Negro is a Slang word and I dont want hit in my paper if you can print hit without printing Negro you can send hit and I will pay for hit word black is all Right or Colored Peopie we never Sprang from Niger River africa we are not fish if so we would be good meat so I hope you will parton me for what I say your paper is all right except that word Negro Some white pepel or a Good meny use hit for degrade some becouze hit is history. But we are ham race. Read Genesis 10 chapter hit dont say we ar Negro. Now Editor I don't want to interfer with your Business. I hope you will give this your close atensen The Freeman I want hit if you Leave out that word Negro.

We desire to accomodate this our very tender feeling subscriber but can not quite see how we can since the word Negro is the burden of his lay, and at this time we feel that the word is indispensable. We hope that in the interest of the greatest numbers that this subscriber will sink all squeamishness and accept the word albeit under protest.

Duluth, Minn., March, 11. 99.
Editor Freeman

I have been requested to obtain a Freeman of the past containing a piece entitled, "The Nigger Ninth." If possible please send to me five copies in the first mail and oblige,

E. H. Porter,
721 W. 1st. street.

We take great pleasure in publishing the above letter, one of the many sent to this office inquiring about this poem. We regret to say that the issue was exhausted at once. The author of the poem could secure only two copies out of a request for twenty. His request unfortunately followed the publication.

The poem will be published again in event the demand increases. Orders for such copies will be carefully filed away with the expectation of republishing the poem. It should be read by every Negro in America. It should be heard in declamation, and song. In a letter to the author, The Freeman concluded by saying; "We predict very much for your poem." We are proud that this burst of enthusiasm is now being so nobly seconded by the race. Read the greatest war poem ever written! It is a free will offering. The author is a white gentleman of cultivated tastes who has poured out his soul for the race quite as unstintedly as ever did Philips, Lovejoy or Garrison.

A National Biographical Cyclopedia of eminent and progressive colored men is the latest venture in the way of bookmaking on a large scale by colored men. From the prospectus it promises to be something quite out of the ordinary. The book will be edited by Mr. Edward E. Cooper, Esq. Assisted by a corps of distinguished literary men among whom are the following: Bishop B. W. Arnett, of the A. M. E. Church; Prof. R H. Terrell, graduate of Harvard; Prof. Kelly Miller, Howard University, John E. Bruce (Bruce Grit), Prof. J. N. Grisham of Lincoln High School, Kansas City, Mo.; Dr. S. E. Courtney, Boston; Wm. H. Steward, Editor "The American Baptist," Louisville, Ky.; Prof. A. D. Langston, public school, St. Louis, Mo.; Dr. Robt. H. Boyd, Nashville, Tenn.; Emmett J. Scott Esq., Tuskegee, Ala.; Hon. H A. Rucker, Collector of Internal Revenue, Atlanta, Ga., Rev. J. W. Smith, D. D., Editor of the Star of Zion, Charlotte, N. C.; H. S. Cummings Esq., Baltimore, Md., with an introduction by Prof. Booker T. Washington, of Tuskegee, Ala.

The Cyclopedia will be published by the National Biographical Cyclopedia Co. of Philadelphia, Pa. The enterprise is ambitions in its tendencies but there is no reason that it should not succeed.

A colored man of Barnes Station, La., writes to us concerning the organization of societies in that community known as ex-Slave Pension Fund Associations. Says he: "I have been noticing for it in your paper and have been organizing societies about here for about six months. I thought that anything worthy of note for the colored people would be found in your paper." About two years ago this paper spoke in no uncertain tones against the ex-Slave Pension Fund agitation.

We again insist that there is no disposition at any place nor among any people or parties to reward the ex-slaves for time spent in slavery. All dues or fees exacted to sustain societies looking towards that end is just so much money wasted so far as the ex-slave is concerned.

The hugeness of the humbuggery perhaps breaks down all timidity, inviting confidence, but nevertheless, whether from design or ignorance the scheme is a colossal fake and should not entrap the unwary old Negroes who are far too credulous at the best.

Fannie A. T. Turner has written some highly sensible articles for the Nashville American an influential white daily of that city. She feels that there is work for either race to do. She reminds the Negroes that a condition and not a theory that confronts them. The following are a few lines from the introduction of one of her papers:

> In the discussion of the race question, many of our negro leaders do not view matters as they really are. They argue from the standpoint as to how the condition of affairs should and ought to be, and not as they actually exist. They do not consider that we must be controlled by the inexorable condition of the times, and that we fail of the best results only because the time is not yet come, for the fulfillment of the prophecies, and because we fail to grasp present opportunities. There is to-day much conflict of opinion and policy, yet there should be a healthy co-operation in work and service for the amelioration of the condition of men. A neglect on the part of both races, to fully rely on God's promises, and to see his hand in history and in the development of human affairs, and a persistent selfishness to work out matters is causing the judgment of the nineteenth century to become warped by malice, prejudice, party and sectional interests; and conceit and selfishness have bred contempt, and all these together, have made the very air around us dim and confusing. They are peculiarly hurtful elements, and prevent us from seeing clearly and justly.

Canada is being inundated by the various "Burdens." Rev. J. C. Coleman of Toronto has a very timely and sensible article in the Globe of that city under the caption of "The Black Man's Burden." He thinks there is a method in the somewhat concerted action of the South in striking at the black man. He thinks the ultimate aim is a white man's country. It is hardly necessary to argue the point as the object is not denied by the South. The question is; how can it be kept from being a country for one class of people only?

The Omaha Bee recently paid its respects io Prof. Booker T. Washington in a three column review of the past history and achievements of that far famed educator.

THE BLACK REGULAR IN THE WAR.

Chaplain T. G. Steward, the well-known author, has undertaken the important work of preparing an accurate and complete history of the four colored regiments in the regular army of the United State which so signally distinguished themselves in the short Cuban War. Chaplain Steward has been an occasional contributor to magazines and the general religious, secular and educational journals for many years, and is the author of several books. He has now in press a thoroughly American novel which has been pronounced excellent by critics of high order.

The war department regards Chaplain Steward as a very suitable man for the work and has promised every facility for the prosecution of his task. Mr. Steward will visit Cuba and go over every foot of the ground which the black heroes fell and plucked victory from the hands of a skilled and determined foe. He will bring to the work wide literary experience, a painstaking regards to accuracy as well as an enthusiastic admiration for the black soldier. The history is to be standard. Leading publishing houses of the country have already asked for the manuscript.

The ex-Slave Pension scheme is championed either by cold blooded looters or criminally ignorant men. Neither are to be tolerated for a moment.

ANNOUNCEMENT EXTRAORDINARY.

In view of the constant demand for the celebrated poem "The Nigger Ninth," which appeared in this paper a few weeks ago, it will be republished in the next issue of this paper, together with the likeness of the author and a biographical sketch. It is with increasing pleasure that we learn that the author of this poem is no other than he who accepted the challenge of Baron El Cardo, marquis of Alta Villa, the Spanish nobleman to fight a duel instead of Senator Mason to whom the challenge was issued. "I hereby accept your challenge, and name the army pistol, the old forty-four, the organ of civilization." Dr. George E. Powell was an associate of General George A. Custer. He has in his possession a magnificent silver mounted revolver costing $150 that was presented him by Gen. Custer, the gift of his admiring friends. He has been the recipient of many mementoes on account of his distinguished worth. See the next issue of the Freeman and learn more of a man who has written the immortal poem, "The Nigger Ninth."

The ex-Slave Pension scheme has just enough politics behind it to deceive the unwary old Negroes. It is infamy! Down with it.

A NEW ADDITION TO THE RACE'S HISTORY.

Mr. Augustus M. Hodges (B. Square) is compiling a copyrighted book which soon will be ready for publication, entitled: "The Afro-American Vanguard." It is a complete history of the race's progressive pioneers and Mr. Hodges has been working upon it for the last two years. It contains a complete list of (with pictures) all teachers, business men, men of letters, medical men, lawyers, ministers, daughters of the regiment, women of the day and the cadet corps. Bright school boys and girls, who bid fair to fill the future ranks of our vanguard.

It promises to be a book worth reading and of untold value to the Negro historian.

One of the famous mass meetings is in order to neutralize the effects of that shameful ex-Slave Pension scheme.

Down with the ex-Slave Pension travesty. There is nothing in it. It is an excellent breeder of trouble. It is a menace to the security of Negroes in America. It is another form of political agitation. It is deceptive, delusive—a snare. It must not thrive under our very noses. The South has as much right to expect pay for their property recognized as such by the same country that despoiled them. It is safe to say that this is the most insinuating, ingratiating scheme hatched since the war. Out with it.

It may or not be constitutional for Indiana to set aside marriages contracted in other states. That's not the question. Let the other people defend the one-half interest they would have in the matter.

The Freeman simply desires to help save Indiana from the fate of North Carolina.

Let the white people kick; they have one-half interest to defend in the proposed marriage law squabble.

"Abe Lincoln's flag still overhead;
They followed where the angels led
The way up San Juan Hill.
—"The Nigger Ninth."

The ex-Slave Pension scheme should be throtled at once.

Among the Churches.

Lansing, Mich., Special.

Rev. Bowers of the Baptist church is being assisted in a revival by Rev. Woodward and good meetings are being held. The A. M. E. church held quarterly meeting the 12, excellent sermons were preached by Rev. Seashoals of the First Baptist church and Rev. Clark the presiding elder. J. Price who was manager of the Detroit Journal in this city has received an appointment as messenger in the War Department at Washington, D. C., and he and his wife left for that city, Tuesday March 7th. The following persons of Battle Creek are on the sick list. Mrs. James Buckner, Mrs. Mary Harris, Albert Brown, Miss Julia Moss.

Local News.

Hannibal, Mo., Special.

Dr. O. C. Queen our prominent physician is still confined to his bed on account of sickness. Rev. C. C. Cole formerly of Hannibal, now pastor in St. Louis was in the city last week on a short visit. Rev. Helms, of the Eighth Center Baptist Church continues to carry on revivals and is meeting with great success in bringing souls to Jesus also in improving the condition of the church in general. The church now has one of the best choirs in the city. Wm. Hamilton has moved into his new barber shop on Fourth street, one door north of his old place. Wm. Paris, Hannibal's efficient drill master is preparing to give a grand drill the last of the month.

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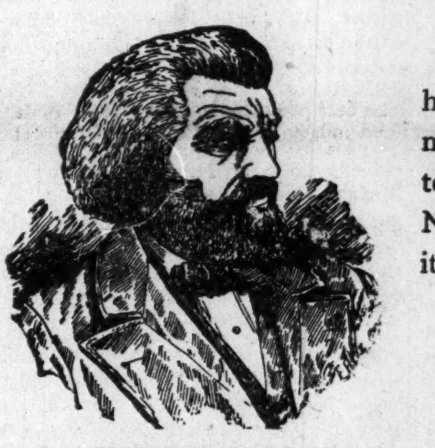

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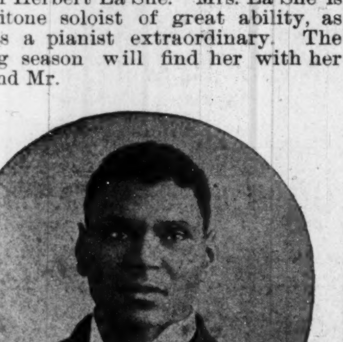

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George (Rabbit) Reese sends regards to all professionals.

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Hen Wise and Sidney Perrin are with Billy McClain's "A Hot Time in Darktown."

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Ben R. Moore sends regards to John Rucker, Clifford Brooks and all old friends.

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George Titchner, premeir comedian and producer, joined John W. Vogel's Mastodon Minstrels at Dixon, Ill.

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The Housely Bros., with Vogel's Mastodon Minstrels send regards Billy Woods and Billy Yeager, of Stetson's Uncle Tom's Cabin company.

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Harry West, Indiana's happy little comedian, writes that he is doing the "slow drag" when singing "No Coon Can Come Too Black For Me." He sends regards to A. J. Smith, J. Ed Green and I. N. Smith.

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Thos. Craig, the basso profundo, is still receiving his share of applause nightly with Isham's Octoroon company.

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Billy McClain is now rehearsing a new act entitled: "A Hot Time in Darktown" with eight people, to play the vaudeville houses.

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Geo. A. Hillman, Paul C. Floyd, Joe Davis and wife, were the guest of Billy McClain, 110 West 27th street, New York City, on the 12th.

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Chas. B. Tyler, monologuist, with John W. Vogel's Mastodon Minstrels is meeting with great success. He sends regards to Harvey Goodall and J. Ed Green.

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Sam Cousin sends regards to Chas. F Alexander, Dick Connor, Judson Hicks, Arthur Maxwell, Smart and Williams, Chas. Moore and all members of Cole & Johnson's company.

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After several months of hard work and study Ben R. Moore, stage manager of Scott's Minstrels, has completed his electrical trick house, which will be used by one of the leading pantomime companies next season.

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John Hollinsworth, formerly of Hollinsworth and Page, has severed his connection with Mr. Page, and joined hands with Miss Bettie Wimberly. They will be seen only with Cobb's Specialty Co.

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G. Elmore Whyte, of New Albany, Ind., has signed to do a monologue and singing act at a Cincinnati summer resort until the close of the season, June 10, at which time he will join his partner, Mr. Cooper, in an original act entitled: "Coon Troubles."

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Jas. E. Hood, America's premier basso profundo, late of Isham's Octoroons joined the Oliver Scott Minstrels in Port Huron, Mich., and it is needless to say as a soloist and chorus singer he is a valuable addition to the show.

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Tom Logan has accepted the stage directorship of Thayer's Champion Cake Walkers and Minstrels. He sends regards to P. G. Lowery, Ernest Hogan, Gordon Collins and Roxianne, L. A. Gideon, Harry Gillam, and Hampton and Johnson.

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Wm. Hallback is touring the South with his own company which is known as the Wm. Hallback Vaudeville Co., Mr. Hallback has secured fourteen of the best performers on the road to-day, and judging from the many favorable press notices they are receiving, they are having no trouble in pleasing the theatre-goers.

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Here they are! Three not late coon songs—words and music by McCarver, Reed and McCarver: "She Had Better Stay this Winter Where She's At," "I Wonder if That Coon is in That House" and "I Love My Honey Like I Used To". Any of the three mentioned songs can be had at the Buckeye Music Pub., Co. Cincinnati, Ohio.

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John W. Vogel's Mastodon Minstrels are still playing to packed houses at each performance at Joliet, Ill., the 9th, they played to standing room, and at Dixon, they turned over three hundred away. Prof. Henderson Smith, Chas. B. Tyler, L. E. Chenault, Gil Garay, Will Lewis and Miss Ella Dawson made a flying trip to Chicago from Elgin, Ill., on the 12th.

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Billy McClain proprietor of the Rounder's Rest, 110 West 27th street, New York City, gave an o'ppossum supper Thursday evening. The Rounder's Rest was established for the benefit of the colored profession, and Mr. McClain writes that he intends to make it the greatest home of its kind in the world. Information of every description will be furnished the visitors.

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Clarksville, Tenn., notes—"The three 'big guns' under the management of John R. Rogers, came together for the championship of the South, in a cake walk at Elder's opera house, March 9. Messrs. Robt. Hester B. Cobb, and Jessie Coleman. The contest was close and exciting. The S. R. O. sign was early displayed. The Trilby Quartette, of Hopkinsville, did honors with the Sunlight Quartette. J. P. Steele is the author of a song which he expects to bring out at an early date. The many friends of Mr. Frank N. Hailstock, in this city, regret to learn of his sad death, and their tokens of affection to friends and relatives. The Twilight quartette declined the challenge of the Trilbys, of Hopkinsville, on unknown grounds.

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Pete G. Hampton sends the following from Isham's Octoroons: "We are now putting on the finishing touch of New York state, then we tour Pennsylvania for two weeks. This is what the Corning Evening News said: 'Isham's Octoroon company appeared at the Corning Opera House, Thursday evening. March 9, to a packed house—hundreds were turned away, couldn't even get standing room. It is the best show and neatest dressed company ever seen on the streets of Corning.' During our engagement at Oneida, N. Y., Miss Laura Moss' mother, Mrs. Emma Wormsworth, who lives in Utica, N. Y., spent the day with her. Miss Moss had not seen her mother for six years, so it was a joyful meeting. Messrs. Bethel, Craig, Hampton and Johnson were the guest of Mr. Claude Hall, at Corning, N. Y. Messrs. Hall and Keating are fine musicians; after the show Mr. Hall escorted us to his father's saloon, which is one of the finest in Corning, and (Dad) Hall didn't do a thing to us—he took us off of our feet—sent us home in a cab, as we were too tired to walk. When you go to Corning boys, go see "Dad" Hall, for no coon can come too black for him. He is going to name his place of business the Colored Professional Headquarters.

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Mr. Fred W. Simpson, our special representative with Scott's Refined Negro Minstrels, writes: "After doing a phenomenal business through the Provinces of Canada we are once more in the good old States playing to crowded houses nightly. Since returning to the States we have encountered several heavy snow storms and were compelled to spend several hours in Port Huron, Mich., after our performance there, the snow being two feet deep on a level, but thanks to the hustling abilities of the trainmen we were able to get to our next stand in time to give a show. During our engagement at Ypsilanti, Mich., the boys had a high old time. R. N. Thompson, our band leader, taught the band in Ypsilanti for quite a while, hence—there was nothing in the town too good for 'Bob.' While enroute through Detroit, several members of the show visited Isham's Octoroons, No. 1, which was filling an engagement there at the time. To say that all parties concerned had a royal time, is but putting it mild; wine, music and song reigned supreme, and to use Irving Jones' term: 'Everybody Had a Good Time.'"

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Skip Farrell sends the following notes from Stetson's Uncle Tom's Cabin Co: "We have only three more stands in Michgian. By the time this appears in your columns we will have started on our Canadian tour. Well it is the same old story in regard to our business. We are still turning them away nightly. In Saginaw Saturday afternoon we turned away more than 300 school children alone. The house was jamed at night with the older folks to see this familiar play. Harry Rockwood and J. C. Walker, our Marks Nos. 1 and 2 are creating roars of laughter every performance with their funny antics and sayings in their respective parts. Nick Glynn as Gumtion Cute, the Yankee is also very funny and is taking 3 or 4 encores nightly doing his humorous and novelty musical act. Our dimutive little actress, Baby Myrtle who plays the part of little Eva is making a wonderful hit and is lionized by the folks in every city and town. Her singing goes big nightly. She is only 5 years of age and is considered the smartest and cutest little Eva they have ever seen. She holds receptions on the stage every Saturday afternoon after the matinee and is idolized by the children and ladies. Miss Katherine Cammon as Aunt Ophelia is receiving lots of applause nightly, and numerous commendations as a character actress of uncommon ability. Mrs. Mamie Kibble as Eliza holds the audience in breathless expectations, while she is escaping from Col. Sawyer's vicious blood-hounds and while she is crossing the ice, with the aid of our realistic mechanical ice scene and ice choked river, she holds them spellbound until she finally makes a safe landing, when pandemonium brakes loose and reigns supreme for fully three minutes. She is compelled to appear before the curtain almost nightly for her wonderfully dramatic acting. P. Stenson our genial stage manager as St. Clair is a finished and highly polished actor and is capable of filling a position in most any company on the road in his line. Schofield, the juggler, is making a big hit daily in his wonderful act before the parade and also does a great act during the intermissions. G. W. Wentworth as Legree, the slave driver is a villian par-excellent. Chas. Smith our tenor balladist, we are glad to inform you, has recovered his voice and is back again in the quartette making his usual hit. Miss Florence Henri our pianist has been on the sick list for the past week suffering from an attack of the grip. She is recovering slowly and sends her regards to all friends. Miss Partington our Topsy has also been indisposed for the past few days. Our lady quartette is still making a hit singing, "Mid The Green Fields of Old Virginia." Miss Edna King continues to create a profound sensation with her male impersonations. Mr. Kibble our manager wishes to inform the public at large that his company through and through is made up of the very best performers, actors and musicians, (black and white) in the profession. He was so well pleased with the work of the company and the business at Saginaw that after the performance the whole company retired to the Everett House and dined at the expense of the manager. Sunday afternoon the whole company went out sleighing, taking in the beautiful sights of the beautiful city of Saginaw. Mich. Skip Farrell sends regards to all professionals. Billy Yeager sends regards to Bob Russell. Gus Collins sends regards to all friends.

The Freeman in Pittsburg.

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News Notes.

Wheeling W. Va., Special.

Mrs. Wilson Davis is very ill. The Simpson, M. E. Choir gave a grand concert. The choir is composed of the following members: Sopranos, Mrs. R. Greenlea, Misses Anna Redman, Lula Gardiner, Sallie Jones, Marie Walker; Altos, Mrs. G. W. Brunswick, Miss Beulah McCollough; Tenors, Messrs. Flem B. Jones, Wilson Davis. Bassso, Wm. Gross, R. N. Strange. Organist Anna L. Jennings. The Young Men's Assembly Club gave a reception Tuesday eve., at the residenee of Mrs. Jackson, Byron St. Twenty-two couple were present. Dancing and Progressive Eucher were indulged in. Rev. R. N. Brumery pastor of Wayman's A. M. E. Church preached an excellent sermon Sunday night. Mr. H. B. Clemens, supt. of Simpson, M. E. Sunday-school is in Roanoke, Va., where the Methodist Conference is in session. Mr. Earnest Berry a student of Lincoln High school delivered a very fine oration at the entertainment given by the choir, subject, "The Negro and the Flag." William Morris has accepted a position with the Lingan & Co. Department Store.

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he popular milliner, always carries a full line f the latest millinery goods at lowest prices atisfaction guaranteed. Pulaski, Tenn.

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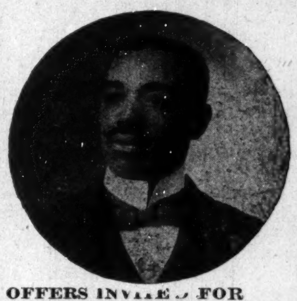

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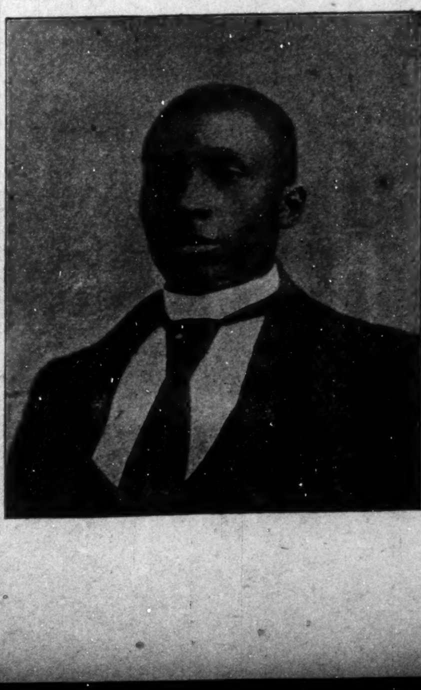

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"How do you spell 'choir?' " asked a man in the bookstore.

"What do you mean—paper or music?" inquired a smart young man who poses as an authority on all topics.

"Music, singing, of course," replied the man in search of orthographical information.

"C-h-o-i-r," responded the smart young man decisively.

"Q-u-i-r-e," chimed in a red bearded man who was busy looking at some books.

"You are referring to paper," said the smart young man, looking sadly at the interrupter. "We were speaking about music."

"I mean music, too," said the red bearded man calmly: "q-u-i-r-e, to sing in concert."

The smart young man's expression changed from sadness to contempt. "You had better consult your dictionary," he said with a sneer.

"Never mind," retorted the red bearded man. "My way of spelling may be a little old fashioned, but you will find it correct according to Webster. You will also find it correct according to the Century Dictionary, and if I am not mistaken it is likewise given in the Standard. Your way is all right too."

The smart young man gave a sniff of scorn. "Josh Billings and you should have collaborated on a phonetic spelling book."

"Look here," said the red bearded man, "I'll bet you $3 that Webster's latest spells it 'q-u-i-r-e.' "

"Make it $5," said the smart young man, pulling out a roll.

"No; I don't want to rob you. Get the dictionary."

The money was put up and Webster's International brought out. There it was, "q-u-i-r-e, to sing in concert."

"I didn't mean a verb," said the smart young man, growing white around the ears. "Where is the noun?"

They found that, too, although it was marked obsolete. Then the smart young man wilted.

"I won't take your money," said the red bearded man, handing back the bills. "My name is Bell, George T. Bell. I have had educational advantages which you probably never received, and I spent several months learning the different ways to spell that word. Several years ago I was on the secret service. My partner and I had been on the trail of a pair of sharpers who had a repertory of 'con' games that would have made the ordinary bunko man look sick. They were men of far more than ordinary intelligence and had the manners of cultured men of the world. The way we happened to get them was a pure accident.

"My partner and I were going down from St. Louis on a Mississippi river packet. There were about 20 of us in the smoking room talking and trying to pass the time comfortably. Just as a lull came in the hum of conversation a young man seated at a table writing some letters looked up with a troubled air and said, 'Could any of you gentlemen tell me how to spell "choir?" I am a little puzzled over it.'

" 'What kind of a one do you mean?' asked several.

" 'Choir, to sing in concert,' chirped the young man, wrinkling his brow as if to recall the proper orthography.

" 'C-h-o-i-r,' said a scholarly looking man with glasses on.

" 'Q-u-i-r-e,' sang out a big, well fed old man off in the corner.

" 'C-h-o-i-r,' repeated the first man with some emphasis. 'I thought every fool knew that.'

" 'That's all right,' said the old man off in the corner. 'Money talks. I'll bet you $50 that Webster spells it "q-u-i-r-e" too."

" 'I'll raise you 50,' said the first man, who was a cotton buyer at Memphis.

" 'All right,' said the big old man coolly. Then the others joined in and bet him to a standstill. They put up about $500. Then they got the dictionary, and, as just now, the man who bet on 'q-u-i-r-e' won.

"My partner and I waited till the money had changed hands, and then I said, 'Come on, Si.'

"I walked up to the young man and said: 'Come with me; I want you. I'll show you how to spell choir. Si collared the big old man and we waltzed them down below. You never saw two fellows look quite so cheap. They had cleaned up over $15,000 on that one trick, but they got four years and a half apiece. That is one spelling school I have attended that not every man goes to. That game is one which will catch nine educated men out of ten. You are all right, but you may still have something to learn."

Then the smart young man offered the usual invitation in payment for the information.—Washington Post.

Quite Emersonian.

Cripple Creek is great on etiquette. A man out there met a little girl with whose family he is very intimate and said:

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News Items.

Minneapolis, Minn., Special.

Miss Nellie Alexander, the star vocalist of Iowa, contemplates a visit home after having severed all business connections with "The Appeal" of Minneapolis end. W. R. Morris, Esq., is still successfully practicing law in the northwest. Mr. James H. Robinson has very quietly resigned his position on the Milwaukee road and left the city, but his family still remains. Mr. George Barnet finds his way home from Montreal, Can., almost every month. Mr. Allen Brock of St. Paul U. S. A. detach duty, was over to call on his Flour City friends last Sunday. Mrs. J. C. Reid will resume her studies of music under the instructions of Mrs. P. F. Hale. Dr. R. S. Brown complains not of business and by the way the best physician and surgeon in the city or the two cities barring none, as his record indicates. Mr. soon. Messrs. Robert Lee, S. A. Gould and Harvie Burke make a good trio. Have you noticed it? Rev. J. Will King of St. James A. M. E. church is a favorite among his congregation just at present. Harvie Holmes paid his fine like a man. The question pending now, will he remain in the business? The Autumn Leaf club gave the semi-annual dress ball at Plummer Post hall last evening. It was a grand success in every respect. Mrs. Beverly Kizzee, is now convalescent. The Freeman is on sale at 200 Washington avenue, South Minneapolis, Minn.

Items.

Shelbyville, Ind., Special.

Mr. Robert Reed and Miss Mary Miles won the cake at the grand cake walk which was in charge of Mr. G. Deprez on last Friday, March 3. Dr. Chase, a returned missionary from Africa, preached on last Sunday at the Second Baptist church, and gave a grand lecture on Monday night about the natives of Africa.

An Interesting Revival Meeting.

Muncie, Ind., Special.

The great revival at the A. M. E. church is still in progress—one hundred and twenty converts and one hundred and fifty accessions to date. The meeting has been in progress since the 1st of January. Muncie has never been so aroused. Many whole families, mothers, sons, sons and daughters-in-law have been saved. Rev. T. E. Wilson, the stor, says he don't know when he will close the meeting, as the two or three seats are refilled each night with new men and women seeking to be reclaimed.

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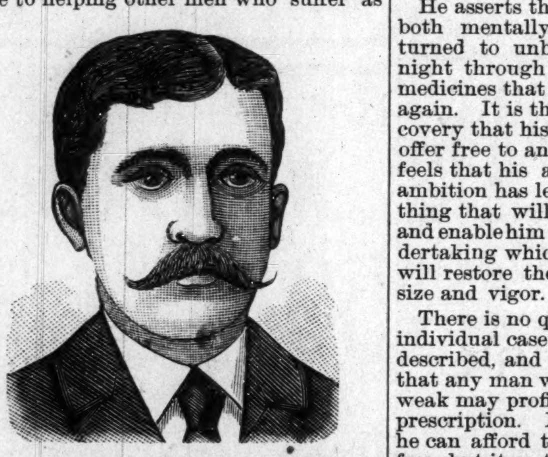

Mr. Wright says no one can appreciate the horrors of lost manhood except he has suffered them. No one can help such sufferers unless he knows a cure and has himself been restored to full manhood. Mr. Wright's case was an extreme case. He suffered for many years. He saw his physical powers go from him as the result of insiduous disease until he was reduced to a condition of senility and the best doctors in the country gave him up to die.

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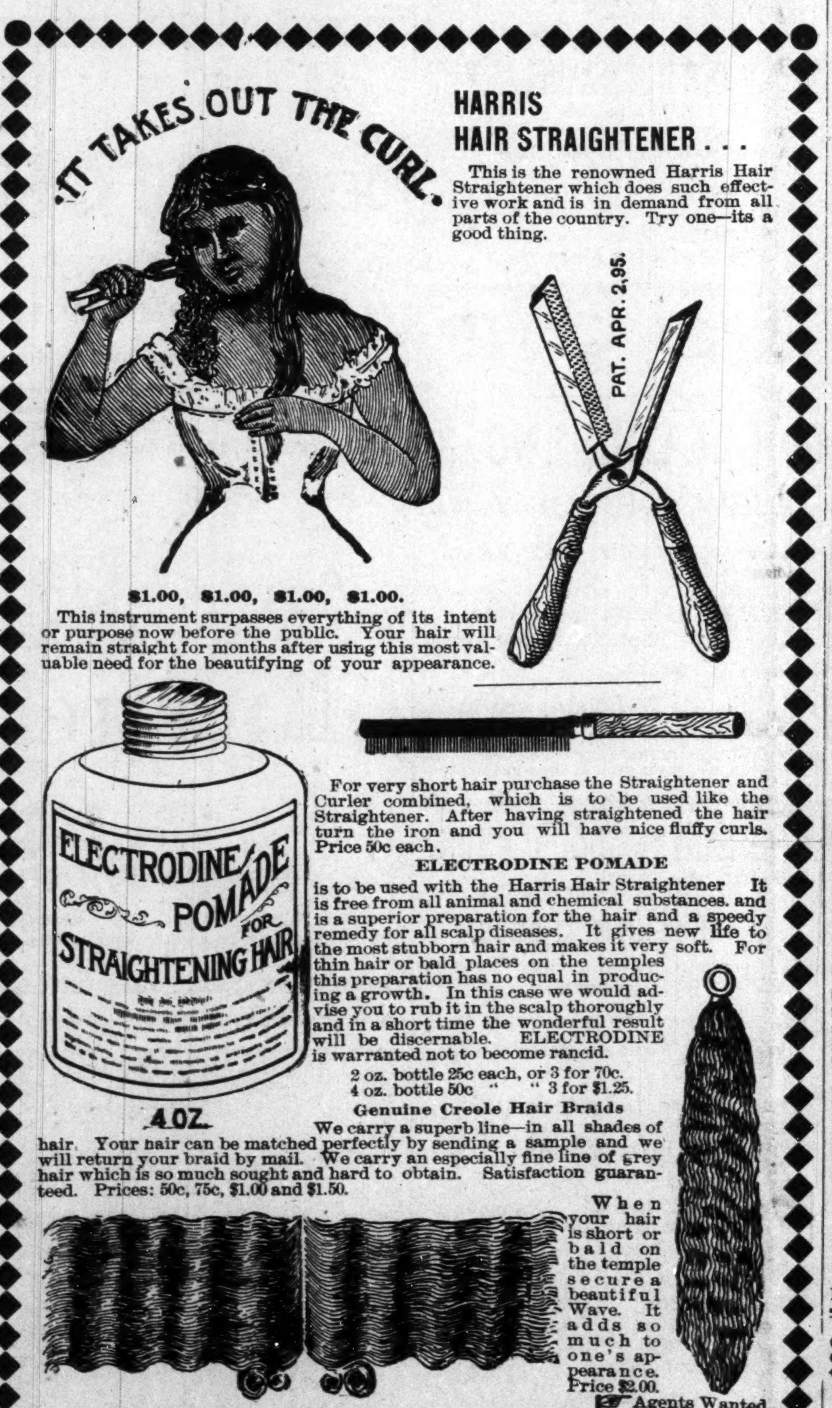
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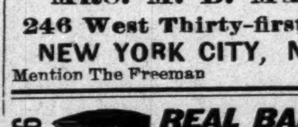

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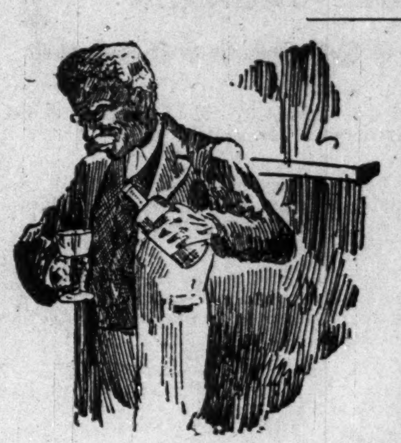

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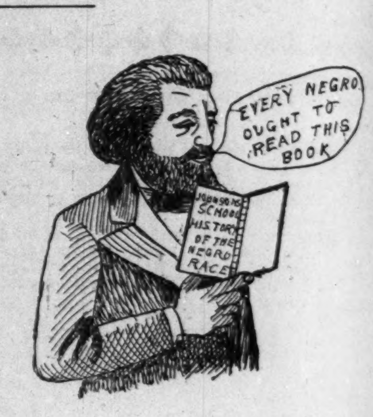
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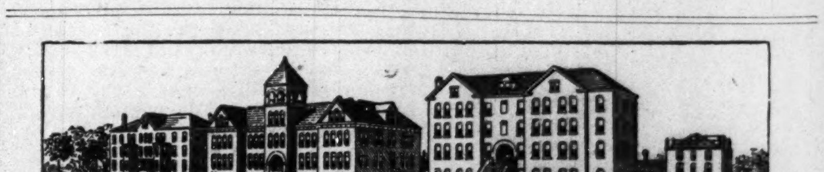

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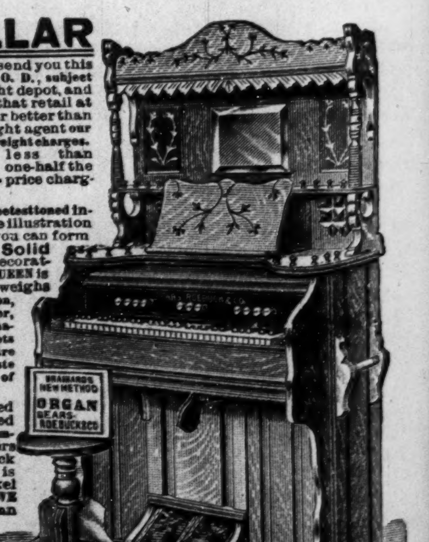
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"You often meet with the phrase "death was instantaneous," and you believe it, but instant death is impossible.

A professor has been studying the subject, a man of renown in his own world, and he has discovered certain important data proving conclusively that no one can meet with instant death. He works out his theory on the data afforded by the physiology of cells. He states that no one yet has proved the difference between a dead and a live brain cell. When this has been done, then we can more easily ascertain how long a time elapses before the death of a cell takes place.

But, first, what is a cell? To be brief, both plants and animals—including, of course, man—are built up of units, elementary units, which you can only detect under the microscope. Now, each tiny cell is a vital elementary unit. We are nothing but highly developed results of the individual vitality of huge quantities of these fundamental cells.

As this is undeniably so, how is it possible, by simple decapitation, say, to cause instant death in the millions of cells which compose the brain? It is known that brain cells have their own cell life and are liable to live a certain time after they are cut off from outside nutrition without the supply of any blood whatever from the body. The nourishment is supplied inside the cell walls, and it can go on living after being cut off from other resources.

From this argument it is clear to the professor that these millions of cells in the brain must continue to live after death has apparently intervened—that is, when death appears, but only on the outside, to have been instantaneous.

After a man's leg is cut off, or an animal's, you can stimulate the nerves for a long time, but you cannot do it after the cells are dead. You cannot get any response at all.

Electricity has been thought to be the germ of life, but this is a fanciful theory when confronted with the new laws as by research established.

The countless millions of cells of which our bodies are entirely composed contain the germ of life, and it is impossible for these to be visited with an instantaneous unconsciousness.

You can take living cells from a pig's glands, and this same professor will demonstrate to you that after these glands have gone through their preparation the cells are still living.

But the curious fact remains that at present there are no data showing the supposed length of time it takes for the cells of the brain to empty themselves of the germ of consciousness or life, but it is certain that consciousness does not cease immediately after, say, a head has been cut off a body. The belief, however, is that at least four or five minutes must elapse ere death finally steps in to arrest life.

It has been noticed in the case of a decapitated head that the cheeks remain red for some minutes after the severance, a conclusive proof that the cells are living.

The heads of decapitated animals have continued to bite and snap at the air for three or four minutes after severance. This phenomenon is well marked in the head of a tortoise separated from the body. The life of the brain, therefore, must be retained for some time after the head is severed, from the very fact that, though being separated from the trunk, its nutritious blood and gases, taken from the fund stored up in the cells, are in sufficient quantity to carry on life, but for what exact period is unknown.

Do the brain cells die simultaneously? No, because they have their own individual cell life. Our scientific friend also makes the very startling statement that in many diseases the brain cells, although the person to all appearances is dead, may live for three or four hours after supposed death has taken place.

In the case of a healthy person being hanged, seeming death is not instantaneous at all. Organic motion is arrested, but real death is certainly not instantaneous. The brain cells are the last to die, and life is not really extinct until rigor mortis sets in, which, in the case of a healthy person dying suddenly, is protracted.

Now, when it is known that an ordinary cell lives after being removed from a living body, why, then, cannot the brain cells retain their life when the conditions immediately surrounding them are much the same as during their previous existence?

The head of a chicken was cut off, and after certain stimuli had been made it opened its mouth and gasped five minutes after its head had been decapitated from the body.

The head of a certain animal was cut off and found susceptible to light for many minutes after it was apparently dead. A strong electric light was held in front of the eyes and moved alternately near to and far away from them. The pupils of the eyes followed the light in its movements, expanding and contracting, that is to say, focusing themselves upon the light as it moved backward and forward. It was proved that the animal was capable of smelling by the use of certain pungent odors placed near the nasal organs—and all this because the brain cells were yet living.

Raising Ducks Without Water.

Ducks don't need water to thrive. There are many duck raising plants in this country where thousands of the fowls are bred each year for market and where there is not even a puddle for them to flounder in. One of these farms is credited with an output of 20,000 ducks a year.

TEA TABLE ETIQUETTE.

Quaint Customs Once Observed by English Dames.

Tea drinking has become very fashionable among us of late years, almost as much so as it was in England a century ago, but the prevailing customs at the table are different. The "teacup times of hood and hoop" had their own etiquette, of a sort not likely to be revived. What should we think now of a fashionable lady who cooled her tea with her breath? Yet Young says of a certain bewildering Lady Betty:

Her two red lips affected zephyrs blow
To cool the Bohea and inflame the beau,
While one white finger and a thumb conspire
To lift the cup and make the world admire.

Again a passage in contemporary literature shows that it was a lack of good manners to take much cream or sugar in one's tea. Says a lady of quality to her daughter; "I must further advise you, Harriet, not to heap such mountains of sugar into your tea, nor to pour such a deluge of cream in. People will certainly take you for the daughter of a dairymaid."

Certain other customs may be remembered in this country among us who had grandmothers trained in the ceremonies of a later day. One of them consisted in putting the spoon in the cup to show that no more tea was desired; another was that of turning over the cup in the saucer for the same purpose.

Etiquette also demanded that the tea should be tasted from the spoon, and that the hostess should then inquire, "Is your tea agreeable?" Certain scrupulous old ladies ask that now, and the question savors of a more sedate and gentle day than this.—St. Louis Republic.

AN EXPENSIVE EXPERIMENT.

The Head Bookkeeper Finally Balances His Accounts.

A south side man who is a clerk in one of the leading banks on this side of the river was in a communicative mood last night. During a conversation about various things he took on a retrospective air and said, "There is nothing like the faithful discharge of one's duties, but it is sometimes an expensive experiment."

On being questioned as to the cause of the remark he replied: "Well, it reminds me of an experience I had while employed in a prominent Fourth avenue bank. I don't mind telling it to you. The head bookkeeper was a character in many ways. Method was his hobby. He had a way of doing everything, and he never varied from the rules he set down. Exactness in his accounts was a particular fad, and he spared no pains in carrying his ideas into effect. One afternoon in balancing our books it was found he was short 1 cent. We searched and searched, but when it came to the usual time for going home that cent was still missing.

"Do you think the head bookkeeper would allow us to go? Not much. Several of us had engagements we wanted to fulfill, but it made no difference. Supper time came, and we were no further ahead than when we started. Headed by the bookkeeper, we repaired to a neighboring restaurant for supper and then returned to work. After several hours the missing cent was found and the accounts balanced. But in figuring up it was discovered that in searching for the discrepancy of 1 cent the bank had incurred a bill for suppers to the amount of $7.50."—Detroit Free Press.

All American Children.

"Do you not have trouble with so many nationalities?" the spectator asked of the principal of a large school in the crowded tenement part of the city. "Oh, we hang the flag over the school platform," was the answer, "and have the regular exercise of saluting it, and the children become very patriotic indeed. They will not own, in most cases, that they are not Americans." "Yes," said the other teacher, "I often ask, 'Will the German children in the room stand up?' The Germans are more wedded to their fatherland, apparently, than other immigrants, for a few—though not by any means half—of them usually rise to this invitation. 'Now let the Italian children stand,' generally brings no response at all, though the school is crowded with them in my district. But when I end up by saying, 'Will the American children stand up?' the whole school rises joyfully."—Outlook.

As to Providence.

A country parson went to see a humble parishioner and, if possible, to comfort him some little under heavy trouble which had befallen. The pastor found the homely old man in his desolate cottage alone. He said many things, and added that he must try to take all affliction humbly, as appointed to us by Providence.

"Yes," said the good old man, who was imperfectly instructed in theology, "that's right enough, that is. But somehow that there old Providence have bin ag'in me all along, but I reckon as there's one above as'll put a stopper on he if he go too fur."—Baltimore News.

Wanted Them All.

Julia Ward Howe was once talking with a dilapidated bachelor, who retained little but his conceit. "It is time now," he said, pompously, "for me to settle down as a married man, but I want so much. I want youth, health, wealth, of course, beauty, grace"—

"Yes," said Mrs. Howe, sympathetically, "you poor man, you do want them all."

The right leg is far more subject to accidents than the left. It has been found that the ratio is about 13 serious accidents to the right leg to three to the left.

The practice of kissing under the mistletoe is of very ancient origin, as it dates from the days of the Druids, when no doubt it had a religious meaning.

The Managed Husband Is Worthless.

Helen Watterson Moody believes that the husband who can be managed is not worth managing, "and there is no better principle," she adds, in The Ladies' Home Journal, "for both husband and wife to adopt in adjusting themselves to the new relation than that of trying to do each by the other what men are accustomed to call 'the square thing.' Many a woman understands 'managing' a husband better than she does doing the square thing by him, and many a man understands and practices doing the square thing by other men who would be affronted if he were to be told that, judged by his own business standards, he habitually dealt unfairly with his own wife."

Mrs. Watkins' Club Inheritance.

"I don't see," said Mr. Mulberry, "why you women have that Mrs. Watkins in your literary club. The rest of you are bright enough, but she's as dull as dull can be."

"It's this way," answered Mrs. Mulberry. "Mrs. Watkins' great-grandmother's half sister's second cousin by marriage could trace her descent from Chaucer. So, you see, after all, with such literary claims, we couldn't very well leave Mrs. Watkins out."—Harper's Bazar.

A Candid Suitor.

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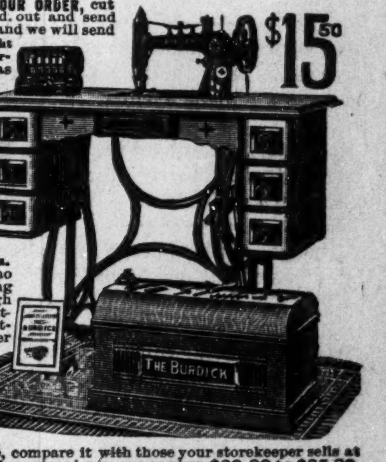

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Panden Brothers' full orchestra, sixteen pieces at Tomlinson Hall night of April 4th event promenade concert.

Mr. Walter M. Roberts, son of Rev. D. P. Roberts, a former pastor of Bethel church will practice law in this city.

A social was given March 15, by the W. C. T. U., ladies of Thurman Union at Mrs. Woodring's, 866 W. Walnut street.

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Leonard Nicholson of Tipton, Ind., died at his home in that city, last Tuesday Mr. Nicholson was a prominent citizen in that city for many years and had won the respect of the community at large.

The Wayman Chapel Literary Society was organized last Monday evening at Wayman Chapel on Yandes street. The society expects to take high rank in all that pertains to literary societies. All are welcomed.

No question about it, the great Easter week musical festival and grand promenade concert at Tomlinson Hall the night of Tuesday, April 4th will be the most dazzling function Indianapolitans have witnessed for years. Everybody is discussing it, and everybody seems to have made up their minds to attend

The "Big Four" concert given by Allen and Simpson Chapel, Jones Tabernacle and Bethel churches at the latter church Tuesday evening was a decided success. The large auditorium was crowded to the door and standing room was at a premium. The programme was carried out perfectly and those partaking showed marked ability and pleased the audience.

Miss Stella Cannon, of Cambridge City, enroute to Chicago stopped off in this city last Sunday to visit Mrs. William G. Parks, of W. St. Clair street. Miss Cannon was formerly a student in the Metropolitan School of Music of this city. She is now studying at the Chicago Conservatory of music, and occupies a suite of rooms in Stienway Hall, the girls dormitory.

Miss Rose Caldwell and Mr. Clarence Hines were quietly married Wednesday evening at 8:30 o'clock, at the residence of Mr. Wm. Miller, 1325 N. Senate avenue, by Rev. G. A. Sissell. The bride is well know in Columbus, O., society circles, and the groom is foreman of the Grand Hotel tonsorial parlors, his home being in Buffalo, N. Y. The Freeman wishes them much happiness.

Reception and Floor Committees.

The following gentlemen will compose the reception and floor committees for the grand Easter week musical festival and promenade concert to be held at Tomlinson Hall, Tuesday night, April 4: Reception—Charles Lanier, Dr. B. J. Morgan, A. E. Manning, James W. Vaughn, James Shelton, Maurice F. White, W. H. Jackson, Harry Wyatt, F. Fowler Brown, Joseph Broyles, Chas. H. Stewart, Hayes Wilson. Floor Committee—Prof. James A. Sterrett, Prof. W. H. Walker, Prof. R. Byron Shelton, Elwood C. Knox, J. H. Ringgold, W. J. Brown.

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THE BUFFALOES

Special Sermon To-morrow at Bethel A. M. E. Church—Rev. D. A. Graham and Dr. Jos. H. Ward will Speak,

The Benevolent Order of Colored Professionals will have their first annual sermon preached at Bethel A. M. E. church, Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock. Rev. D. A. Graham will preach the sermon and Dr. Jos. H. Ward, chairman of the executive committee, will talk on "The Principles of the Order of Buffaloes." All members of the order is expected to be in attendance.

The members will meet at Bretz's hall, cor. Georgia and Illinois streets, not later than 2 o'clock, and march to the church. The parade will be headed by the new B. O. of C. P. brass band.

The Ministers Organize.

To the call made for the colored ministers to meet at Bethel A. M. E. church last Monday morning, ten responded. Presiding elder Lewis was chosen chairman, and a peachers union was organized with the following officers:—Rev. W. O. White, of the 9th Presbyterian church, president; Rev. A. Wakefield, of Jones Tabernacle A. M. E. Z. church, vice president, and Rev. G. L. Craven of St. Paul Temple A. M. E. ceurch, secretary. Also the following committees were appointed: to form the constitution:—Rev. D. A. Garham, of Bethel; Rev. G. A. Sissle of Simpson Chapel; Rev. P. C. Williams. Executive committee: Rev. A. L. Murray, of Allen Chapel; Rev. L. E. Christy; of Wayman Chapel; Rev. A. Wakefield, of Jones Tabernacle. Rev. Gilliam presiding elder of the M. E. Lexington conference, and Rev. Lewis presiding elder of the A. M. E. conference, were made honorary members of the Union. They made very appropriate and encouraging remarks, for which the ministers tendered a vote of thanks, and adjourned to meet at Bethel church next Monday morning March 20th at 10 o'clock. You will hear from the organization again upon matters pertaining to the best interest of their churches and people.

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Interesting Items.

Calvert, Tex., Special.

The Davis and Durham League, is doing better work than ever before. The literary department is in session Friday nights at the M. E. church. A. W. Young, president. W. Whitfield has been appointed as the assistant agent at the Oil Mill for The Freeman. J. Rogers is very well pleased with his work at the mill, he has proven to be reliable an industrious. W. Johnson is the foreman, he is very quiet and religious, and has no trouble with his crew, he is also an admirer of The Freeman. The S. T. S. Club is preparing to hold a grand session here April 25. They will give a soiree next Wednesday evening, under the personal direction of R. B. Walton and E. H. Ross. Miss B. Adams has renewed her subscription and declares it to be the best of all Negro papers. G. Hayden has commenced to improve his place by adding a fence. Chivis and Linthicum have employed J. Bush to advertise their dry goods department every Saturday. Miss L. Bradey S. Fisher and M. Williams are new supporters of The Freeman. The colored drug store will open their soda water stand about the first of April. Miss Gibson, F. Brown, and J. Dickerson have also taken apart with The Freeman Club. G. Thompson has accepted the apprenticeship, at J. T. Hill's tailor shop. Joe Creeks has has subscribed for The Freeman. The married ladies have organized a social club known as the "Ivy Leaf." Their motto is the elevation of the married people. They meet every Thursday evening and will have a grand display in May. Mrs. J. T. Hill, president; Mrs. M. E. Fant, secretary; and Mrs. H. Tucker, treasurer.

PUNISHING AN EDITOR.

The Curious Method Adopted In a South American Country.

Curious methods of punishing indiscreet editors are in vogue in some countries. In "South American Sketches" Mr. Crawford describes the interesting experience of an editor who had been unfortunate enough to give offense to the ruling powers by the freedom of his criticisms.

The editor was arrested and confined in a narrow passage between the cages of two jaguars, notoricus for their bad tempers and their intense dislike for human society.

The intervening space was so regulated that neither of the ferocious animals could get its paws quite to the middle line between the cages, so that a spare, active person, if very careful to follow the classical advice about the advantages of steering a middle course, might manage to pass without special injury, though the achievement would be both exciting and dangerous.

Our editorial friend happened to be stout, and therefore was the more easily reached by the occupants of the cages. As if to add insult to injury, he was given a chair on which to sit and at the same time was furnished with a copy of his own paper, the issue which had brought him into trouble, in order that he might meditate upon its contents.

He tried to sit motionless and bolt upright, feeling those sleepy, cruel eyes fixed upon him. At the slightest movement or the rustle of the paper uneasy mutterings arose from the cages, and a paw would stretch stealthily toward him. Leaning quickly to the other side, he was sure to be met by the ugly claws of the second jaguar. It was a case of Scylla and Charybdis.

Every few minutes the jaguars became wildly excited and clawed fiercely at the shrinking editor, who, do his best, could not escape those rending toe nails. His clothing was torn to shreds, but except for a few scratches he was not really injured.

AN ENCHANTED PITCHER.

The Relic of a Fatality, It Is Preserved by Superstition.

About five miles from Aiken, S. C., on the Charleston dirt road and in sight of the railway, is a little place that was first christened Polecat, but afterward changed to Montmorenci, the French for that odorous little animal. Many years ago a young woman came with her pitcher to draw a bucket of water from a well at Montmorenci and set the vessel in the hollowed top of a stone post that some of the railroad men had moved there. While drawing the water a flash of lightning came that struck the chain to which the well bucket was attached, and the woman was killed in her tracks. Her remains were removed, but the pitcher was left just where the dead girl had set it. To this day the pitcher remains in the same place, and, so far from being removed, it is said that no living hand has ever touched it save its's owner's, although near the side of the public road.

But the most wonderful thing is the superstition attached to the pitcher. There is an indescribable influence surrounding it that prevents its touch. Hundreds of people have gone with the firm determination of lifting the pitcher, but when they approach it a strange repugnance comes over them, and they hurriedly depart without carrying out the object of their visit.

One night a bully in the neighborhood, while under the influence of whisky, made a bet with some friends that he would go and bring back the pitcher. He left to do so, but soon returned as pale as a sheet and empty handed. "Boys," he remarked, "no person alive can lay hands on that pitcher, and I wouldn't attempt it again for the whole of Aiken county."

He refused to tell his experience and said he would not talk about it. Other parties have gone to see it, but met with the same repulsive feelings.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Clean Coal Mines.

The Chilean coal mines, opened in 1855, seem to be nice places to work in. The seam of coal runs from the shore under the waters of the Pacific ocean, and the tunnels are so clean that you could walk through them in a dress suit without making yourself dirty. They are lighted by electricity, and you can have a ride for a mile under the ocean on an electric car at a speed of 20 miles an hour. The mines form quite a catacomb of well lighted passages under the water. The output of coal is now 1,000 tons a day, and 750 miners are employed in them.

Cycling and Alcohol.

"Remember," says an experienced New York physician, "that alcohol stimulates the heart and circulation in much the same way as exercise does and that if you use it in any form while wheeling the reaction is speedy and farreaching."

In the same way a long ride should never be undertaken immediately after a plentiful meal, this also tending to interfere with the heart's action and respiration.

A Foreign Writer's Burden.

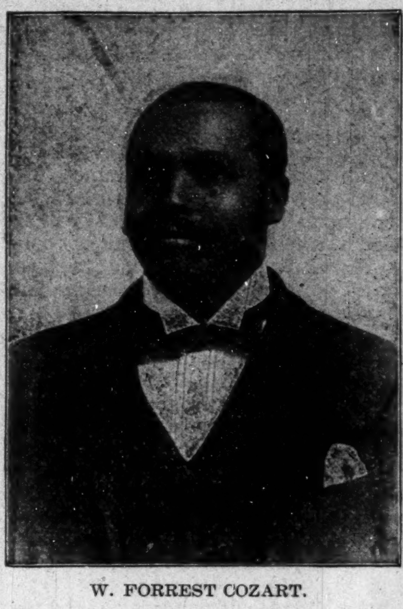
"I find your political terms very puzzling," remarked the foreigner who was trying to gather material for a book on American institutions. "For example, to rotate means to move in a circle. A ring also means a circle. Now I am told that when a ring contrcls your offices they don't rotate any more."—Chicago Tribune.

A European statistician has discovered that only 55 per cent of the blonds marry, while 79 per cent of their brunette sisters engage in matrimony.

Forty tons of rust have been taken out of the Menai iron tubular bridge at one cleaning.

Headwaiters to Organize.

There is a movement on foot to organize an Afro-American Headwaiters' Mutual Benefit Association. There is no doubt that this is a good move and in the right direction, for, "in union there is strength." The following committee is pushing the association's prospectus.



W. FORREST COZART.

Over one hundred headwaiters have signed the call for a convention to be held in Chicago during the coming summer. All those who have not signed the call are requested to send their names to the corresponding secretary at once.

Committee—W. Forrest Cozart, chairman, The Beckel, Dayton, O.; Jno. B. Goins, corresponding secretary, Hotel Nelson, Rockford, Ill.; F. C. Long, The Millard, Omaha, Neb.; C. R. Johnson, The Lexington, Chicago, Ill.; W. P. Landon, The New Southern, Chattanooga, Tenn., Chas. E. Buckner, The New Tifft House, Buffalo, N. Y.; W. W. Banks, The Maxwell, Nashville, Tenn., W. H. Vandusen, Read House, Erie, Pa.; J. W. Eubanks, The Gault, Louisville, Ky.

Queen City News.

Clarksville, Tenn., Special.

The colored public school of our city is in a flourishing condition under the proficient management of Prof. R. L. Yancey, and his corp of teachers. The building has been enlarged at a cost of about $4000, thus rendering it possible for all pupils to attend the same building, whereas heretofore the primary classes were taught at St. John's Baptist church. There about 900 pupils enrolled. Rev. G. W. Porter pastor of St. Peters A. M. E. church preached a sermon Sunday, Feb. 26, to the "Boyd Rifles" who have recently returned from the army. The tobacco factories are open giving employment to hundreds of colored men, women and children. Clarksville is idenified as the greatest tobacco port south of the Mason and Dixon line. The colored churches of this city, seven in number are progressing nicely. Ed. Durant of Montreal Canada is visiting his mother Mrs. Moore in New Providence, Tenn. Ernest Buch of New Providence is seriously ill at his home. Miss Hart, daughter of Jim Hart, died at her fathers home near Ringgold, Tenn., March 12. Messrs Smith and Dabney have annexed a new horse to their undertaking establishment. Messrs Plute Bernaugh, Frank Bernaugh and Orange Bernaugh arrived in the city March 12, from St. Louis, Mo. Willie Bush expired suddenly at his home near St. Bethleham, March, 10. Mr. Bush was a well to-do farmer and his sudden death is a shock to his friends. Messrs Wm. Barksdale and D. M. Wynn our only two colored grocers are doing a thriving business on Franklin street. Messrs Keesee and Nimberly the undertakers on the square have a new dressmaking department connected with their establisment under Miss Jones. Be sure and get The Freeman dated March 25, containing cuts and sketches of prominent Clarksville gentlemen. It will be a winner and on sale at Steele and White's barber shop.

Current Happenings.

Dyersburg, Tenn., Special.

Bro. Gilbert Foust one of the oldest members of the Cumberland Presbyterian church, departed this life Thursday March 9. Bro. Willie Hudson one of the brightest young men in the C. P. Church was instantly killed while at his post at Calcuts factory, March 10. In the absence of the pastor, Rev. M. S. McCauley, the funeral of Bro. Foust was preached by Rev. Barnett and the funeral of Bro. Willie Hudson was preached by Rev. J. Henderson. The Walter Presbytery spent a very pleasant session at Newbern Tenn. Wm. Williams of the U. B. F. is on the sick list. The baby of Bro. Peter Lights, of Beech Grove died March 11. Henry Merchant is on the sick list. Harriet Hamilton is able to be out again after several weeks illness. Mr. Joe Fuller departed this life on the 8th of March and was burried at Newbern Tenn. on the 9th. Short Cornell is on the sick list.

Mr. Elwood C. Knox,

Permit me to congratulate you and The Freeman force on getting out such a splendid Xmas number, no one will attempt to deny the truth that it was the finest edition that ever fell from an Afro-American press, and it has the largest circulation of any colored paper that crosses the Rocky mountains in California.

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